



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

# Division of Food and Recreational Safety

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## **DATCP Resuming Manufactured Food Facility and Food Warehouse Inspections**

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Manufactured Foods Services Section staff will resume modified operations the week of June 15, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all manufactured food staff have been staying safer at home but continued supporting the manufactured food industry and food warehouses by phone or electronic communication.

A return to inspection work plan has been developed with the goal of providing a consistent and measured approach. This approach is based on a combination of the Association of Food and Drug Officials Inspection Priority Guidance, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines, and industry requests for licensing inspections. It will be a few months before we return to “normal” operations. Each phase of the work plan will be communicated to the industry before it is implemented.

In **Phase 1**, routine inspections of manufactured food facilities and food warehouses will resume beginning on June 15, 2020. DATCP will focus on performing inspections at facilities licensed electronically during the COVID-19 pandemic along with facilities that are currently addressing compliance actions taken by DATCP before the pandemic. For Phase 1, when possible, inspections will be scheduled in advance.

It is important to understand that DATCP will be taking measures to protect both staff and industry during the Phase 1 rollout. All staff will be issued personal protective equipment, including face coverings. As much as possible, staff will maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet, practice appropriate personal hygiene, refrain from bringing all but essential equipment into the facilities, and follow department guidelines for sanitizing our work equipment.

DATCP requests your assistance by sharing the Phase 1 plan with others in industry who may not receive this notice. We also ask that industry maintain social distancing when working with us. Most importantly, we ask for your continued patience as we work together through this pandemic.

Should you have any questions regarding the Phase 1 rollout, please contact your appropriate environmental health sanitarian or their supervisor directly.



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